

Dear Sir,

I strongly disapprove of the idea of onboard computers being mandated for the trucking industry. I have been a driver for 18 years and an owner operator for 1 year. Like so many of the laws passed in this industry under the guise of safety, it usually turns out to be more about the revenue. This industry is regulated to death and with each new law passed I see my business future looking more bleak. I just want to be able to work hard and earn a decent living. Like most legislation today, if the law was being enforced that was already on the books there would be no need for new laws. I have a great concern for those who lobby the congress under the guise of protecting everyone from everything. I have said many times that eventually these people will get all the laws passed that they want but what they will be left with will be a broken economy. Trucking in this new age is a 24/7 business shippers and receivers operate around the clock yet we are expected to try to fit our work into the new 14 hour schedule, it doesn't work for me and it costs me money and more time away from home. Trucking is a tough job and there aren't that many people who want to do this job as it is now. I would like to see the keeping of the 34 hour restart. And I would like to be able to stop the 14 hour clock without having to use the sleeper berth. In closing I would like to say that there will never be a one rule fits all for the trucking industry. This industry is too diversified, I believe in being safe but what works for me might not for someone else the log books never have been the answer for getting me the proper rest, in my opinion the focus should be put on the shippers and receivers that's where the majority of my time is wasted. The onboard computers will not stop an accident or cause a driver to stop and sleep and I am sceptical of their accuracy also so thank you for this opportunity to voice my opinion and remember truck drivers vote too.